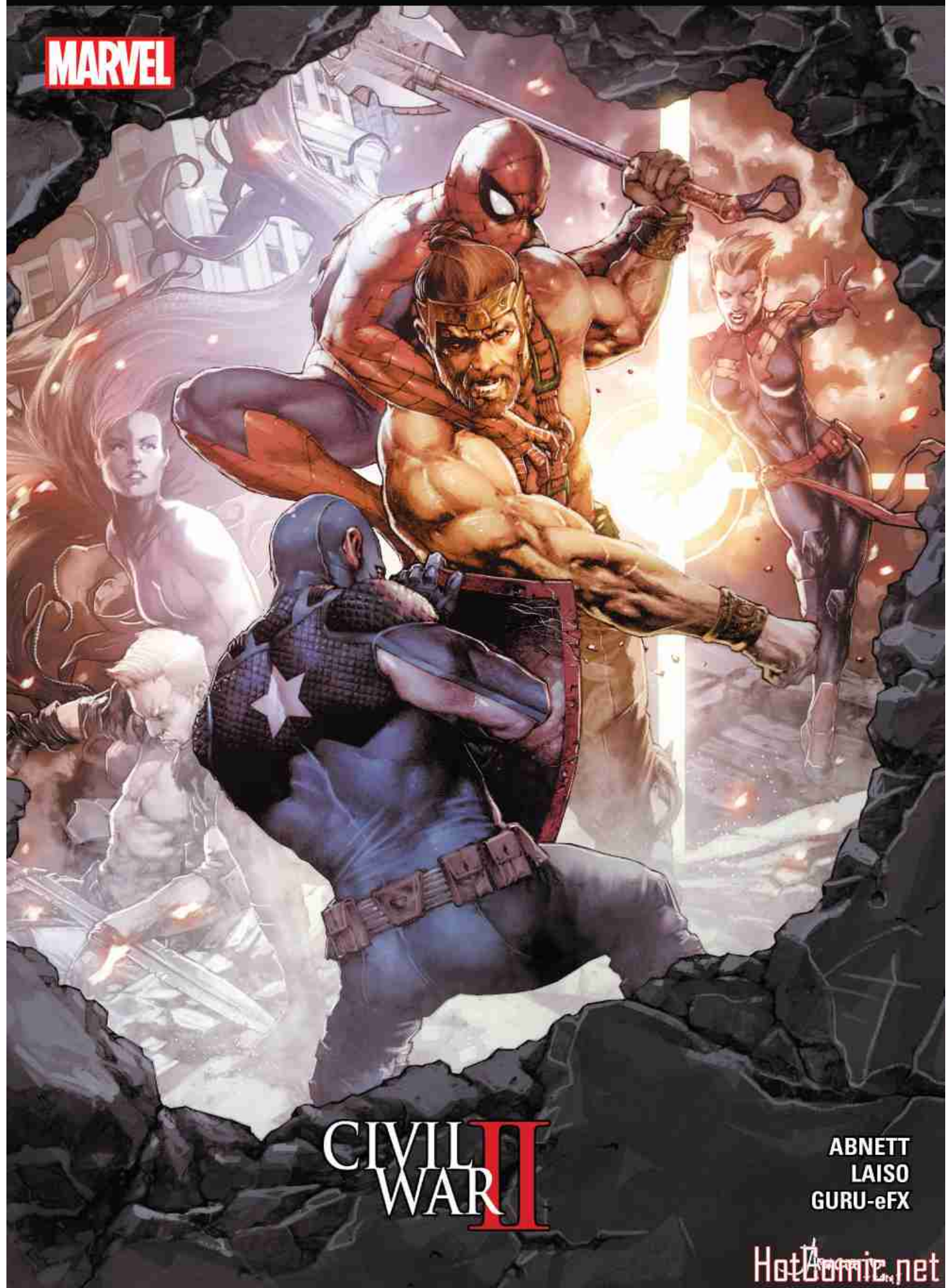


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IN ANCIENT DAYS, HERCULES WAS THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL. THROUGH HIS DEEDS AND COURAGE, HE BECAME FAMOUS AND BELOVED ACROSS THE KNOWN WORLD. HE WAS THE WORLD'S FIRST SUPER HERO AND SET THE STANDARD FOR ALL HEROES THAT CAME AFTER HIM.

BUT IN THE MODERN WORLD, IMMORTAL HERCULES HAS DONE LITTLE BUT ENJOY HIS FAME AND CELEBRITY. HE HAS BECOME NOTORIOUS FOR HIS DRUNKEN ANTICS, HIS UNRULY BEHAVIOR AND HIS DEBAUCHED LIFESTYLE. THE SUBJECT OF GOSSIP AND SCANDAL, HE HAS BECOME AN IRRELEVANCE.

HERCULES HAS BEGUN TO CLEAN UP HIS ACT AND RESTORE HIS REPUTATION, BUT A MYSTERIOUS THREAT CALLED THE UPRISING STORM HAS DESCENDED ON HIS CITY. WITH THE HEROES OF THE WORLD LOCKED IN A CIVIL WAR, HERCULES FINDS HIMSELF FACING THE STORM ALONE. RECRUITING OTHER HEROES OF OLD, HE TAKES THE FIGHT TO THE STORM. BUT THE STORM HAS CURSED HERCULES WITH THEIR BRAND. BERSERK, HE HAS FINALLY BECOME THEIR GOD OF CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION...



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ASTORIA,
QUEENS.
RIGHT NOW...

RRRRRAAGGGHHHHH!

THE CURSE
HERCULES! IT
IS THE STORM'S
CURSE DOING
THIS TO YOU!

GRAB
HIS ARMS,
GILGAMESH!

EASIER
SAID THAN
DONE,
SIGURD!

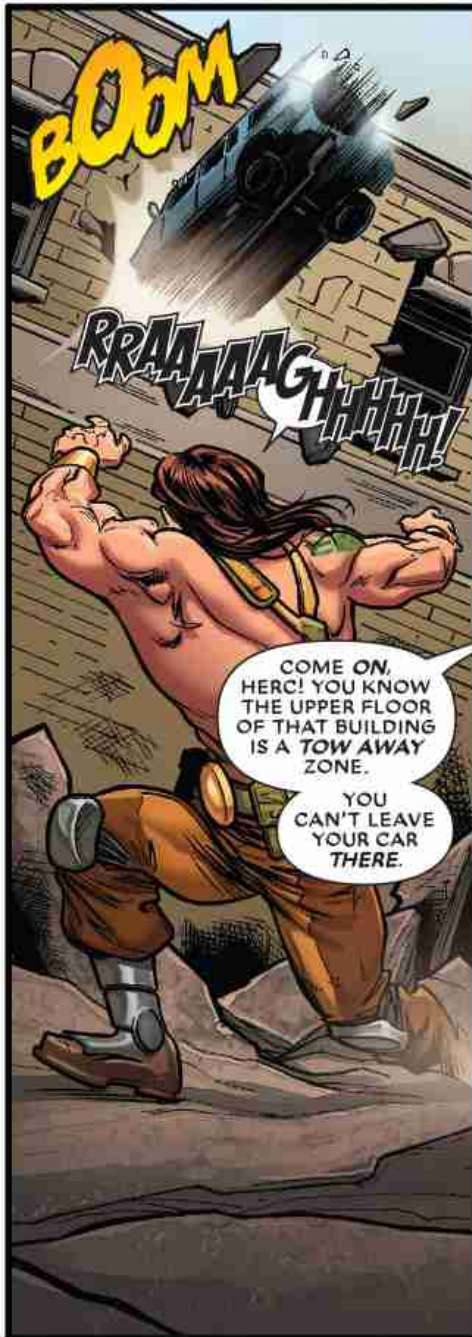
HERAK!
ENOUGH!

STOP
IT!

BEOWULF!
HELP US!

BLEEDIN'
OLYMPIANS...
ALWAYS ACTING
UP...





GN'NAAAHHHHH!

...TOE
THE LINE
ALREADY.

BE
CAREFUL,
SPIDER-MAN.
HE'S STILL
ANGRY.

HEY, I'D
BE ANGRY, TOO,
IF I'D BEEN ROCKING
A MAN-BUN IN PUBLIC
AND NONE OF YOU
HAD TAKEN ME
ASIDE FOR A
QUICK WORD.

SPIDEY,
QUIT IT.

HERC, WHAT
THE HECK ARE
YOU DOING?

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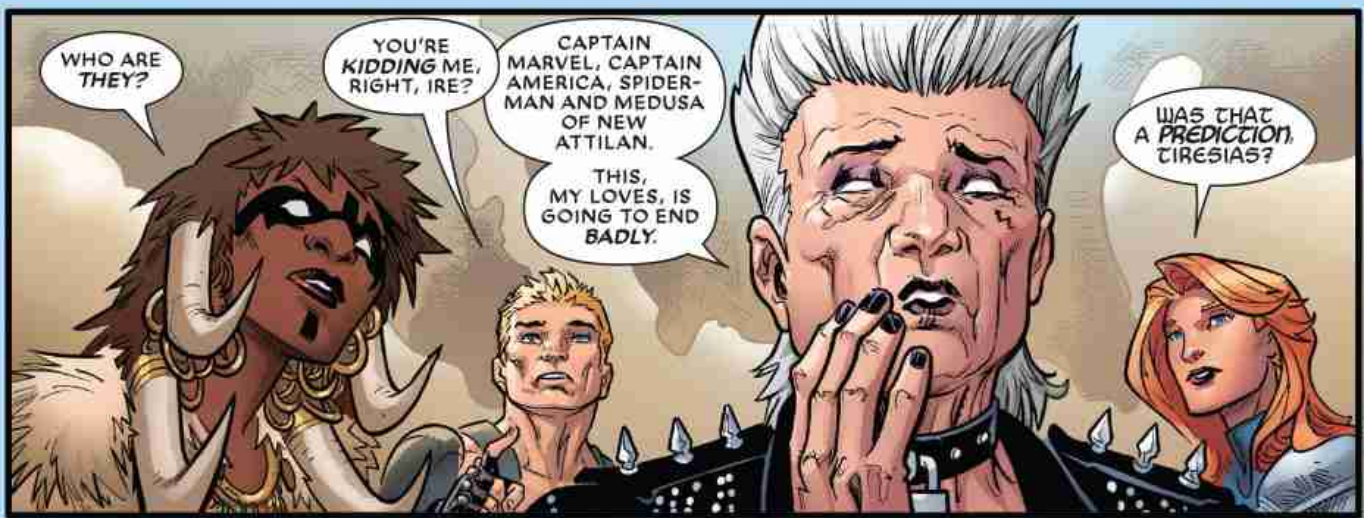
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WHAAMMMMMGGG

ALL MUST
FALL! THIS
WORLD IS TOO
SICK TO LIVE!

UGHH!

CAROL!
THERE'S NO
REASONING
WITH HIM!

HE'S LOST
CONTROL, AND
I DON'T JUST
MEAN HE HAD ONE
TOO MANY LAST
NIGHT!

THIS ISN'T
THE HERC WE
KNOW! NOT EVEN
ON HIS WORST
DAY!

THEN
THE GLOVES
COME OFF.



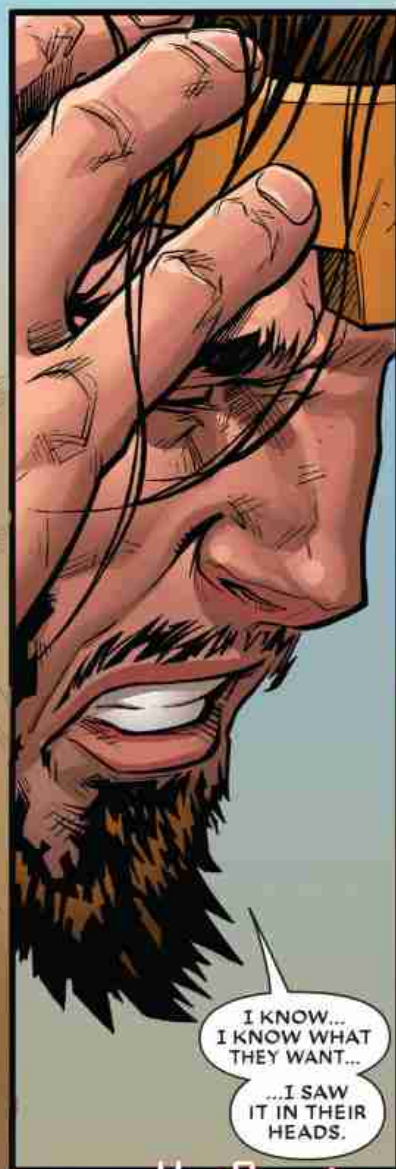
















FORGIVE ME.
I CAN'T...I CAN'T BELIEVE I DID ALL THIS.

YOU DIDN'T, DARLING. IT WAS THE STORM. THE STORM ACTING THROUGH YOU.

AND IT'S OUT OF YOUR SYSTEM NOW.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT ALL THIS WAS, HERC--

AND WE DO NOT HAVE TIME TO UNRAVEL IT. PRESSING MATTERS AWAIT US.

MEDUSA'S RIGHT...



...BUT IF THIS STORY OF THESE DANGEROUS NEW GODS IS TRUE, YOU NEED TO BRIEF US FAST SO WE CAN--

IT'S DONE, CAROL. THEY'RE GONE.

THE DANGER HAS PASSED. BE ON YOUR WAY AND SET THE WORLD TO RIGHTS.

IT SEEMS YOU HAVE **WEIGHTY** MATTERS ON YOUR HANDS.

WE COULD USE YOUR **HELP**, HERCULES.



AND YOU MAY HAVE IT **GLADLY**.

JUST GIVE ME A FEW HOURS TO RECOVER.

OKAY THEN. I'LL SEND S.H.I.E.L.D. IN TO HELP WITH THE CLEAN UP. AVENGERS INSURANCE WILL BE TAKING **ANOTHER** HIT.



HERC, I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.

BUT TAKE A LOOK AROUND. YOU DID THIS.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN AGAIN.

I SWEAR UPON MY LIFE, CAPTAIN.

I'M SORRY TO SAY...WE'LL BE WATCHING YOU.



WHY DIDN'T YOU ACCEPT THEIR HELP?

THE STORM AIN'T GONE, 'AS IT?

IT HAS NOT, WULF.

BUT THEY CANNOT HELP US. THEY COULD NOT SEE IT.

IT WOULD KILL THEM AT A STROKE.



WE WILL FINISH THIS. THEN I WILL HELP THEM WITH THEIR CIVIL WAR.

BUT HOW? HOW DO WE--

THE STORM LOST CONTROL OF ME. THAT LOSS HAS WEAKENED THEM FOR NOW. THEY ARE VULNERABLE.

AND WE HAVE PROVEN WE CAN BREAK THE FATE THEY DECREE.



THE BRAND IS BURNED OUT. DEAD.

BUT THROUGH ITS ECHO, I STILL FEEL A LINK TO THEM.

I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

BUT MORE... I SAW THEM. I SAW THEIR INTENT...



...WE THOUGHT THEY HAD A PLAN. A MACHINATION OF DIVINE COMPLEXITY TO OVERTURN THE WORLD AND RULE IT.

BUT THEY DO NOT.

THEY ARE AIMLESS. INSANE. THEY WANT NOTHING EXCEPT DESTRUCTION.

THEIR GOAL IS TO COLLAPSE THIS WORLD IN FLAME AND HORROR.

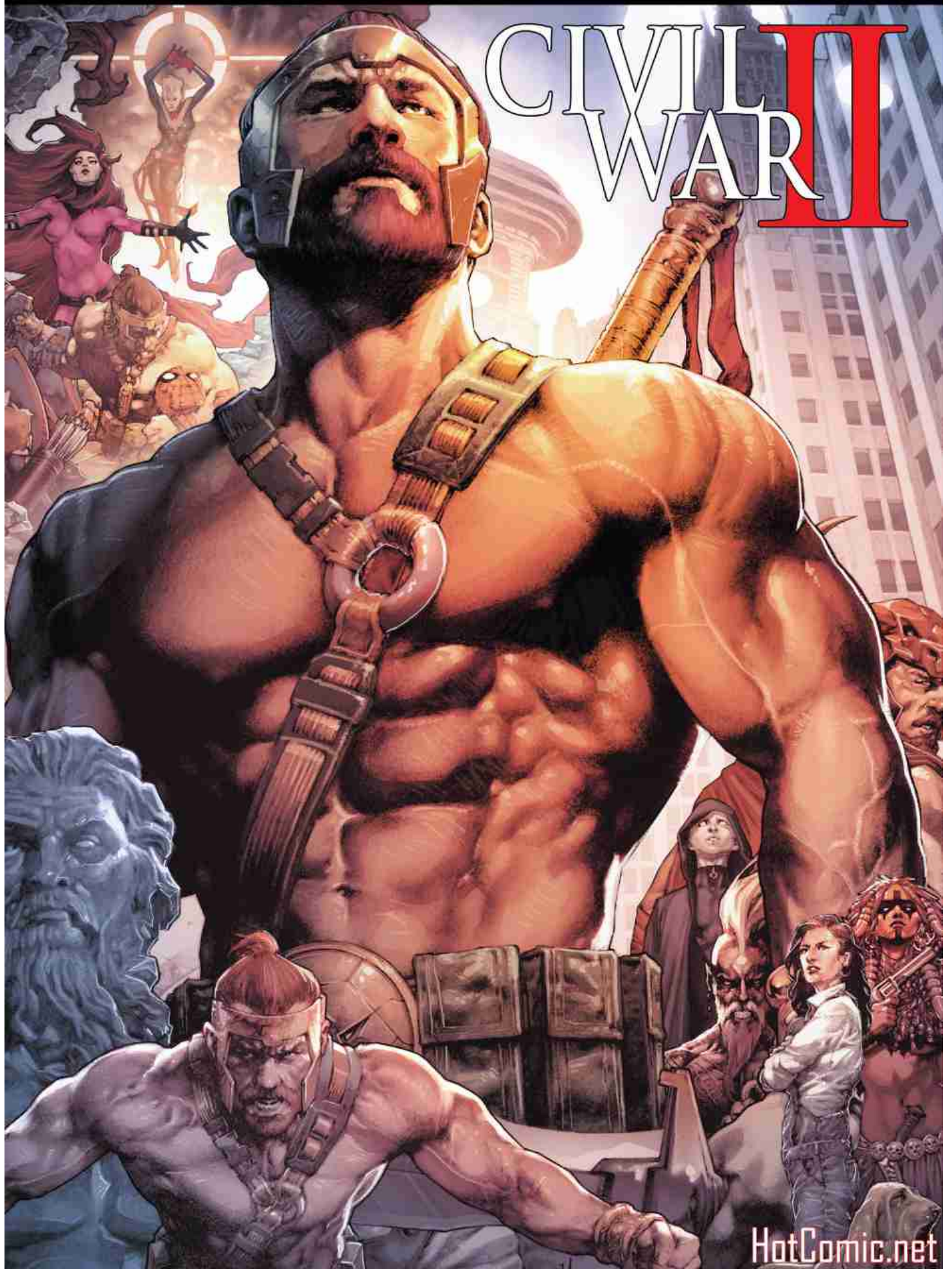


IT'S TIME TO STOP THEM.

IT'S TIME TO END THEM BEFORE THEY END THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING WE LOVE.

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